



VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 08, 2017

Melody Thompson
MelodyTsells@yahoo.com

Re: California Public Records Act (CPRA) Request, Pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250, et seq.

Dear Ms. Thompson

On February 7, 2017, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department received your written correspondence which was not dated and contains requests based on the California Public Records Act ("CPRA" – Government Code §§ 6250 et seq.). Outlined below are your requests and our responses to the same:

Request #1: *"Please release the video recording at the old Riverside Court House on January 20, 2017 between 8:10 AM and 8:40 AM in the main entrance and courtyard area. In addition, release all documents/videos pertaining to Melody Thompson, including and not limited to the video before, during and after the arrest (the tape recording of the arrest/detainment and the police report created on January 20, 2017). In addition, I am asking that all these documents and videos be preserved for court hearings. Under the California Public Records Act, I have a right to the immediate release of a copy of these documents"*

Response: We regret to inform you that it has been determined that there are no disclosable records that can be made available for inspection and/or copying in response to your request. The records you seek are part of an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Any records sought are exempt from disclosure under the CPRA and thus will be withheld on the basis of the various grounds stated below:

This determination is made pursuant to Government Code § 6254(f), which provides that law enforcement investigation, security and intelligence information file records of a local police agency are exempt from disclosure. Furthermore, as set forth in Rivero v. Superior Court, 54 Cal. App. 4th 1048 (1997) and Williams v. Superior Court, 5 Cal. 4th 337 (1993), the investigatory file exemption to the public records act request is not lost even where the investigation is deemed concluded or terminated.

This determination is also made pursuant to Government Code § 6254(k) read in conjunction with Evidence Code § 1040 which provides that official information acquired in confidence by a public employee is exempt from disclosure.

Thank you for your interest in Riverside County Sheriff's Department records. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (951) 777-3296.

Sincerely,

STAN SNIFF, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Marks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Marks, Sergeant
Sheriff Court Services-West

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